GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPLACEMENT OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to shortage of optical fibre cables with Divisional Engineers in Maharashtra, especially in Marathwada region, the work on replacement of existing copper cables is going on a very slow speed ; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to supply sufficient quantity of optical fibre cables in all the districts of Maharashtra especially in the said region ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Optical Fibre Cables are generally not being proposed for replacing the existing copper cables. These are being laid mostly to inter-connect different towns for long distance transmission and also to connect different exchanges in the same city. There is no shortage of optical fibre cable for these works.

However, due to rainy season the progress of laying of OF Cable has been slow. However this will improve.

(b) At present Maharashtra Circle has stock of3219 Kms of optical fibre cable against their plans for laying 12,000 Kms during the current year. Stock available in 8 districts of Marathwara region is 771.49 Kms against this year`s requirement of 22252 Kms. Action has already been initiated for procurement of balance cable.